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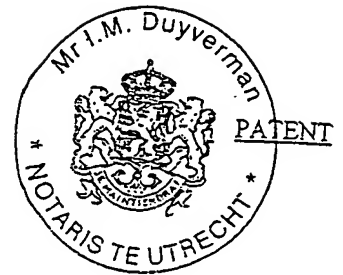
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# United States Patent Application

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The specification of which

a. is attached hereto

b. X was filed on 09-15-1999 as United States Application Number 09/397,047.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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### APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, TO WHICH PRIORITY IS CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC §119

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US	60/100,442	September 15, 1998	N/A

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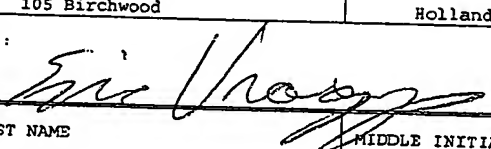
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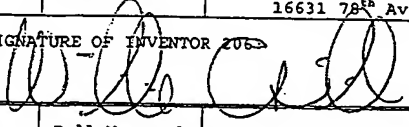
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